8. INTERNAL AUDIT – MONITORING REPORT 16th March 2016

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| Wards Affected: | All |
| Key Decision: | No |
| | Date of Meeting – 16 th March 2016 |

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is twofold; to update the Committee on the progress of the 2015/2016 Internal Audit Plan and to report on the progress made in implementing previously agreed recommendations.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The audit plans provides for a mix of coverage of fundamental systems, IT systems and service systems, which had been identified as potential risk areas. Appendix A summarises the progress to date on the plan and Appendix B shows the status and types of recommendations arising from our work.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to receive this report.

4. **REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Progress on implementing previous recommendations

4.1 We have completed a follow up review of the Anti-Fraud Work Audit 2015/2016, which was undertaken in 2015. We reported at the last meeting of this Committee that all agreed actions had been due for implementation but that three were outstanding at this time. We have undertaken a further follow up review of this area and can now report that the agreed actions have bene satisfactorily implemented.

PROGRESS AGAINST THE 2015/2016 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AS AT 28th FEBRUARY 2016

4.2 Since the last report to this Committee, two audits has been finalised, being Procurement 2015/2016 and Treasury Management 2015/2016. There were no high priority findings to report at this time.

- 4.3 Work has commenced on the following audits:
 - CenSus Housing Benefits
 - Income Collection (Cashiers)
 - Payments (Creditors)
 - Sundry Debtors
 - Capital Accounting and Asset Management
 - Budgetary Control
 - FMS
 - NFI Data Matching Exercise

The CenSus Housing Benefits Audit is in draft format at the time of writing this report, but will be finalised by the date of the Committee meeting and I will report the outcome to Members.

I can confirm that all audits in the 2015/2016 internal audit plan will be complete by 31st March 2016.

Background Papers

Internal Audit reports relating to 2015/2016 Working papers relating to 2015/2016

Appendix A

Mid Sussex District Council Internal Audit Plan 2015/2016 Summary of Recommendations from 1st April 2015– 31st March 2016

| Audit Area | Draft Report | Final Report | Rating of Recommendations | | | | Nature of Recommendations | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | High Priority | Medium Priority | Low Priority | Total | Policies and procedures | Staff training | Record keeping/ maintenance | Data/ Financial security | Authorisation of transactions | Contract/ budget setting | System error |
| Anti-Fraud Work- Fraud Risk Assessment | 24/026/2015 | 29/07/2015 | - | 7 | - | 7 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Payroll | 09/11/2015 | 10/11/2015 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |
| Procurement | 13/11/2015 | 26/1/2016 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Treasury Management | 7/12/16 | 8/12/15 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
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Appendix B

Mid Sussex District Council Internal Audit Plan 2015/2016 Progress Report 28th February 2016

| Audit Area | Rating | Budget / Days | Provisional Timing - commencing | Fieldwork Commenced | Draft Report Issued | Management Responses Received | Target date for issue of Final | Final Report Issued | High Findings Reported to Audit Committee | Comments |
|--|--------|------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---|---|
| Fundamental Systems | | | | | | | | | | |
| CenSus Housing Benefits | | 23 | 19/10/2015 | 21/10/2015 | | | | | | |
| Payroll | | 8 | 14/09/2015 | 14/09/2015 | 09/11/2015 | 09/11/2015 | 10/11/2015 | 10/11/2015 | - | |
| Income Collection (Cashiers) | | 10 | 07/12/2015 | 30/11/2015 | | | | | | |
| Treasury Management | | 5 | 21/09/2015 | 14/09/2015 | 07/12/2015 | 08/12/2015 | 08/12/2015 | 18/12/2015 | - | |
| Payments (Creditors) | | 8 | 04/01/2016 | 30/11/2015 | | | | | | |
| Sundry Debtors | | 8 | 25/01/2016 | 25/01/2016 | | | | | | |
| Capital Accounting and Asset Management | | 7 | 07/12/2015 | 22/02/2016 | | | | | | |
| Budgetary Control | | 4 | 25/01/2015 | 22/02/2016 | | | | | | |
| FMS | | 5 | 08/02/2015 | 5/02/2016 | | | | | | |
| Ernst and Young Top Up Testing | | 10 | | | | | | | | Allocated across all fundamental systems work |
| High Risk and Corporate | | | | | | | | | | |
| Procurement | | 10 | 25/08/2015 | 25/08/2015 | 13/11/2015 | 17/11/2015 | 27/11/2015 | 26/01/2016 | - | |
| Anti-Fraud Work including NFI | | 25 | 11/05/2015 | 11/05/2015 | 24/06/2015 | 24/06/2015 | 29/07/2015 | 29/07/2015 | - | |
| National Fraud Initiative | | | 01/02/2016 | 01/02/2016 | | | | | | |